P. R. O. cill & Justices of the Province of Maryland shall be removed Papers, for the satisfaction of His Majesty.

That a Commission shall be forthwith sent to one Mr Henry Cursey to be Deputy Governor a person of good repute and credit and well esteemed by all the Inhabitants of Maryland he being of the Church of England and a very ancient liver and Inhabitant there, as most of the considerable dealers and Traders to that Province can testifie.

That such other persons that are profest Protestants and men of good repute, credit and Estate (as several of the Traders and Dealers to Maryland can also testifie) shall be nominated and impowered to be the Councill there, to whom his Lordship prays the Kings Commands and Directions for the full Examination of the truth of all such matters pretended by John Coode and those other persons joyned with him to be the cause of their taking up Arms and possessing themselves of the Government there.

That his Lordship does not desire (if His Maj^{ty} forbid) the prosecution or any way molesting the said Coode and his adherents for any Act or thing done by them against the Governmt his Lordship being willing to give good security and to remain as a pledge here that His Majty's Commands and Orders herein shall be most faithfully and punctually obeyed.

This his Lordship is fully assured will give all the satisfaction the Inhabitants in general there can desire, and which his Lordship is likewise certain all the Merchants, Traders and Dealers for that Province will be very much satisfied with.

> His Lordships Proposalls to the Right Honble the Lords of the Committee. Read the 14th January 1689/90.

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I wondered when I recd: your letter this morning dated the tenth instant but I found by the messenger that it was written on Friday last, so that I perceive you have not received the account of the proceeding of the Councill here concerning the death of their Majties collector, Mr John Payne, upon the first notice whereof I sent my warrant and secured John Woodcock and George Mason but George Mason was so dangerously wounded that it is yet doubtfull whether he will live or no and my warrant is yett out for Will: Ayleworth and Brother Will, and hope I shall suddenly have them in custody.

Their Majties Councill having mett at James City the 16th ditto have ordered that no Collector shall cleare any European